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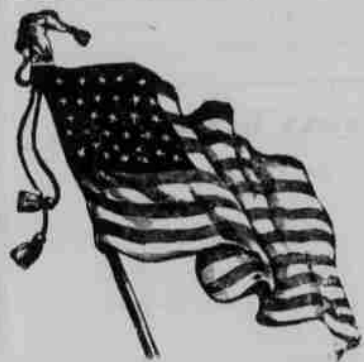
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Draft Is Expected on Friday or Saturday



CALLED TO TRAINING CAMP

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H. F. McGinness Joe Curry
B. F. McGinness Roy Pautz
J. A. Murray L. W. Wylder
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Deane Ackers F. H. Little

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Capt. Charles H. Browne, Horton

ABILENE

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Clarence Ballweg Ward Kehler
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Dale Outler Roy R. Russell
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Ray Etherington Clarence Simpson
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Carl Foltz Clarence W. Shoop
Ed. Foltz Mervin Stuck
John Foltz William Stuck
John Frey Elmer Swanger
William Garten Claude A. Tober
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Ray Gish Dave Wilkie
Quin Haynes Harry Walters
Walter Herman

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Aaron Jones Albert W. Smith
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LEADS THE NATION

WILL HAVE FEWER MEN DRAFTED THAN ANY OTHER STATE

Three More Men for Company H—Some Counties to Lose No Men in the Draft

There is a nice little surprise in store for five or six Kansas counties and towns. When the draft apportionment is completed and the draft ordered these points will not be required to send a single man to the new national army. The quota required for them has already been filled by enlistments in the regular army and the national guard so that not a single man will be conscripted under the first draft.

It may be that several other towns or counties will be added to this list before the draft call is finally made as enlistments in the national guard are going on rapidly in several sections of the state and there are numerous points where the national guard units lack only a few men of having completed the full quota assigned for the county or city. Abilene is trying its best to get its company to full war strength. Sam Demgio of Chapman, Paul Buchanan of Abilene and Wm. Nemec of Belleville joined Company H today so that only 39 men more are needed.

By filling up the local guard

TALMAGE

Jesse R. Dower Leslie Fraser
Willie H. O'Neal John S. Shuey
James M. Cooper Walter L. Shuey

INDUSTRY

Everett Eaves Charles Cairns
Elmer Barkley Ralph Harris
Glenn I. Gibbs Geo. L. Loader
George Steinborn Robt. K. Loader

CLAY CENTER

Kellen Schneider Aug. Schneider
Rexford Ewing

CLIFTON

Frank Davis R. Chestnut

CARLTON

David Tweed

ELMO

Albert Andres

WAKEFIELD

J. F. Siemers

MISCELLANEOUS

Robert K. Lewis, Salina, Kan.
Frank B. Jordan, Ogallah, Kan.
Ray Porter, Osawatomie, Kan.
Clarence I. Shannon, Barnes, Kan.
Lawrence E. Shum, Greenleaf, Kan.
Merle L. Dunavan, Kansas City, Mo.

Captain Browne received a letter from W. McD. Rowan, colonel in command of the Third Infantry. It indicates that the removal to Ft. Sill will be sooner than expected. He also gave orders to push recruiting and to put every available moment in drill so that the companies might show up well to the older companies.

Mrs. Johnson, trained instructor and inspector of the Red Cross sent out from Denver, visited the Red Cross chapter here. She told the members of the local chapter that no place has done as well as Abilene. After inspecting the comfort kits, which were made for each member of the Abilene company, she said they were ideal. Mrs. Johnson took one of the kits as a sample to show to other chapters of the Red Cross. She left for Salina today but will return later to instruct the chapter.

A telegram from General Mann, chief of militia bureau at Washington to Adjutant General Martin. Seventeen men is last week's record for the enlistment of men in Company H. Seven men were secured on Saturday—five were enlisted at Clay Center and two at Abilene. Two of the men at Clay Center, however, are from Clifton. The new recruits are: Clarence Shoop, Kellen

Schneider, August Schneider, Frank Davis, Rexford Ewing, Raymond Chestnut and LeRoy Dawson.

Names of American military heroes of past wars, including several confederate leaders, have been given by the war department to the thirty-two cantonments in which the national army and the national guard will be mobilized for training. "Camp Funston" is the name chosen for the Ft. Riley cantonment and everyone is proud of the name, too.

states: "Acceptance of applicants for enlistment in the national guard of sixty one inches minimum height and 110 pounds minimum weight is authorized where the other qualifications are acceptable." A copy of this telegram was received by Captain Browne. The minimum height was formerly 5 feet, 4 inches, and minimum weight 120 pounds.

Captain Browne has planned to fill Company H this week. This means 6 men must be enlisted each day.

The morals of the Missouri and Kansas militia will be carefully guarded by the Young Men's Christian Association when they reach the Fort Sill cantonment early in August, for training. At Fort Sill separate headquarters are maintained for the soldiers of the regular army and for the national guardsmen. By order of the war department, all athletics among the soldiers are under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. By providing amusements and supplying reading matter and stationery for letters home, Y. M. C. A. headquarters wins the interest of the men to such an extent that a large proportion of them regularly attend the religious services which are held there.

Recruiting Tent Is Down

The small tent erected by Co. H on the vacant lot at Fourth and Spruce as a recruiting center has been taken down. Mrs. Southworth, owner of the lot, demanded rent for the ground and there is no money available for such payment. Several other locations have been offered free.

According to recent corrected figures, Kansas' number for the first draft will be 10,841. Dickinson county with its population of 26,058 and with 2297 of them as registered men, will be required to give 168.

But Company H has 100 men, Co. I at Herington has 30 men credited to this county and Chapman 32 so that it is possible that Dickinson will be exempted from the first call.

Each city council or state must furnish two-thirds of 1 per cent of its paper population, according to the new estimates which were made for the purpose of equalizing the draft rather than to represent accurate population totals. Thus, New York City, with an estimated population of 6,504,185, must give 43,382 of the 687,000 young men to be called on the first draft. A city with 25,000 population would be required to give 166 men. These apportionments would be subject to slight allowances for alien enemies, for men who have volunteered and for other causes.

Method and Time of Draft

Although no official announcement has been made of the method to be used for the draft the following has been received from good authority:

A large receptacle will be used. In this will be placed black gelatin capsules containing the serial numbers from each state. A separate drawing will not be made for each of the states. A blindfolded man will draw out a capsule and will hand it to a clerk who will record the number. The number designates a man who must serve unless he fails physically or is exempted.

Secretary of War Baker said today that he or some other member of his office would draw the names for the first contingent of the draft army. This will probably take place Saturday or early next week. President Wilson will have nothing to do with the drawing of the names. Postponement until next week of the drafting of numbers of men who will be called for the examination seemed probable when it was learned that all the states had not turned in reports. Unofficial reports state, however, that the draft will take place next Saturday.

To Be Exempted

A young man who believes he is entitled to an exemption from service if he is drawn in the great human lottery next week when the first 687,000 young men will be selected for the national army, doesn't need a lawyer to get that exemption or appear before the board for him. It is a useless expense and won't do him any good.

If he is entitled to an exemption, he can get it from the boards himself by following the simple directions that have been outlined by the provost marshal general's office.

First Kansas Disaster

While a part of the American regular army is at the front and our aviators drop bombs on the Germans, the first state disaster is learned in Kansas. The American steamer Kansas was sunk while enroute to France. The ship left an American port on June 28. It is reported that the entire crew of 54 men was lost.

John Siemers of Wakefield and William Stuck of Abilene joined Company H yesterday afternoon. This makes a total of 99 men and with the 4 men from the McPherson quota the Abilene company has 103 men. During the first five days of this week, six recruits were secured.

Captain Charles Browne assigned Pvt. Everett L. Parks to Clay Center this morning. Mr. Parks, who formerly lived in Clay Center, will spend several days in that city and if the report to Captain Browne is favorable, recruiting will be stopped in Abilene altogether and the entire detail will go to Clay Center.

Sergeant G. J. Bare returned to Topeka today after five days in Abilene. It cost the government \$50 for his stay here. At the drill last evening Sergeant Bare taught the recruits military courtesy and showed them how to set up a shelter tent.

Company H will receive \$10,000 worth of equipment from the government soon. Captain Browne will be responsible for all this equipment including overcoats and rifles, etc., except the regular uniform. If anything is either lost or stolen the captain pays for it out of his wages. That's the advantage of being a captain.

County To Be Drafted?

Captain Browne said today: "In my opinion this county will not escape the selective draft even if it has furnished over 168 men which is the amount set for this county on the first call. While the first call does not figure out proportionately more than this many men are required as the quota from Dickinson county."

"This quota is required for the national army. Therefore, it is reasonable to believe that these 168

INFORMATION FOR THOSE REGISTERED

Boards and Numbers

The county clerk, sheriff and county physician make the local board. Two state exemption boards will be named to hear appeals and decide agricultural and industrial exemptions. Your registration card is numbered new in red. Find what your new number is—you will be called by that number. When the call comes the numbers called will be posted at the county clerk's office.

When the quota is assigned to Dickinson county the local board will call on those registered here instructing them to present themselves for examination. This call will be posted at the office of the local board and the papers will be requested to print it. A notice will also be mailed to you, but the posting of the list at the office of the board will be deemed sufficient notice to charge you with the duty of presenting yourself. The law therefore makes it your duty to inform yourself when you are called. The mailing is for your convenience, but if the letter never reaches you, you can not make that an excuse.

Watch the lists at the office of your board and see when you are called for examination.

men will be called. While Dickinson county will be given credit for its men who have already enlisted in the national guard and regular army at the same time this county will also have to furnish a certain number for the national army.

"Kansas, in fact, must furnish 11,000 for the national army, as well as 10,841 under the draft act. In other words, the first share of this state for the American army will be about 22,000 men other than those in the regular army, marine corps, hospital corps, or any other special units of the American army."

Corporal Hawthorne, Edward Knowles, William Tate and Jesse Daniels will be transferred here from the McPherson company so that there are now 113 members in Company H. A dial at Case's tells the number of recruits secured—watch it go to 150.

Modern Residence For Sale

Good 9 room house, 2 lots, garage, barn, fine garden, best location. For particulars address M. H. this office. 1842TW11

—Alfred Doidge of Talmage has purchased the C. E. Shadinger bungalow on North Cedar for \$4000 and will take possession about September 1st.



SUPPOSE that tomorrow you see a chance where by investing \$500 or \$1,000 in a business venture you can double your money. Are you ready for that opportunity? If you are not, the man with the ready check book is. He always carries a goodly balance in bank waiting for the opportunities which daily present themselves in the business world.

This is an age of quick action. Real estate and business deals are consummated within the hour. Your credit in the community may be excellent. You may be able, if given a little time, to borrow enough money to put through a deal. But the man with the ready cash, the man with the check book, will get the preference.

BE READY WITH A CHECK BOOK TO GRASP AN OPPORTUNITY.

Abilene National Bank

THREE BROKE JAIL

TWO WHITE MEN AND MEXICAN ESCAPED

Broke County Jail at 2 O'clock This Afternoon and Mexican Was Caught at 2:30

G. Wood, R. F. Kelly, the two men who stole a Ford in Herington, and a Mexican, escaped from the county jail here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Mexican was caught by Guy Sherman, undersheriff, 39 minutes later.

The three men obtained a steel saw by some means and cut a bar out, then pushed away the screen and dropped to the ground. They were confined in a lower cell on the east side so that they could easily get to the ground without injuring themselves. A boy, working at a sand pile on the north side of the jail saw the men run down the alley across from the jail, but thought nothing about it.

Several prisoners informed Mrs. Sherman that the men had escaped. Sheriff Sherman was on official business in the southern part of the county at the time. Marshal Eagle searched the northern part of the town, and Guy Sherman went south. The undersheriff found the Mexican out east of town on the Santa Fe tracks motioning to someone. Guy took the man in charge

but could see no one else. A number of men were sent to that part of town to aid in the search.

It is not known as to how the men obtained the saw but several officials at the court house "have a premonition." The negro, implicated in the Ford stealing at Herington but acquitted as sufficient evidence was not brought against him, was seen in town last evening altho he had been set free two days ago. He disappeared today.

Kelly and Woods were to be taken to the reformatory tomorrow. The sheriff will probably catch them before evening as they had only a fifteen minute get-away.

SOLOMON FARMERS ARE HOLDING BACK THE WHEAT

A Solomon banker said yesterday that the farmers of that vicinity are threshing big yields of wheat but there is practically none being sold. They are holding it back for higher prices and generally believe that they will receive \$3 or more by waiting on the market. They do not take kindly to government price fixing for the crop.

Feed and Produce Business for Sale Also several latest improved U. S. cream separators at a discount. Stock and poultry foods in quantity lots at discount prices. Come and see me soon. C. S. Kraybill.

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—Born, to Rev. and Mrs. O. M. Keve of Omaha, Neb., a boy, on Monday.